

I agree with this proposal, except I feel that the Extra Class Morse Code requirements should be upgraded to 13 WPM.

Ludwig Koch in the 1930's did a lot of experimenting and research into learning the Morse code. He found a lot happened with speeds above 12 WPM. We began to learn mostly by sound and not by analyzing the parts of each character. This is why I feel the 13 WPM is a good goal for us to set as a standard. Also, most of the Extras, I know, took on the goal of obtaining the Extra Class for the challenge. There is no challenge, if the requirement is not raised, from where you are.

Present Extra Class Amateurs, that have received their upgrade under the present 5 WPM, should not have to retake the higher 13 WPM test to keep their license. This should no create any problems for the FCC or the VE's as there in no higher class to pass the credit of this requirement up to.